

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A water amusement apparatus comprising:

a fluid discharge mechanism;

a plurality of light sources; and

a sequential trigger mechanism coupled to the fluid discharge mechanism and to the light sources, wherein the sequential trigger mechanism includes confronting first and second switch plates directly slidably coupled to each other, said switch plates each having a longitudinal axis and one of said switch plates being adapted to slidably move in a direction along said longitudinal axis with respect to the longitudinal axis of another of said switch plates, said first and second switch plates each include conductive elements positioned complementary to conductive elements located on said switch plates to touch each other on at least a portion of said conductive elements.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said light source comprising an IR emitter and each conductive element on the first switch plate is coupled to one of the light sources, each conductive element on the second switch plate is coupled to a power source, and wherein the conductive elements are arranged to activate the light source sequentially.

6. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 3 and further comprising a gun – disabling mechanism.

7. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein at least one of the light sources is positioned to illuminate fluid discharged from the fluid discharge mechanism.

8. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the fluid discharge mechanism includes a tank, an air pump in communication with the tank, and a valve mechanism in communication with the tank and in cooperation with the sequential trigger mechanism.

9. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the fluid discharge mechanism includes a first tank in communication with a second tank through a purge valve, and a pumping mechanism in communication with the first tank.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, and further comprising a first trigger valve coupled to the first tank, and a second trigger valve coupled to the second tank.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the sequential triggering mechanism is coupled to the first trigger valve, and further comprising a second trigger mechanism coupled to the second trigger valve.

12. (Currently amended) A squirt gun comprising:

a fluid discharge mechanism;

an IR transmitter;

an IR receiver;

a trigger mechanism coupled to the fluid discharge mechanism and the IR transmitter; and

a trigger lock mechanism coupled to the IR receiver and the trigger mechanism;

wherein said trigger mechanism includes confronting first and second switch plates directly slidably coupled to each other, said switch plates each having a longitudinal axis and one of said switch plates being adapted to slidably move in a direction along said longitudinal axis with respect to the longitudinal axis of another of said switch plates said first and second switch plates each include conductive elements positioned complementary to conductive elements located on said switch plates to touch each other at least a portion of said conductive elements.

13. (Original) The gun of claim 12, and further comprising a housing having plurality of light sources disposed therein, the housing enclosing the fluid discharge mechanism.

14. (Original) The gun of claim 13, wherein the trigger mechanism includes a mean for sequentially lighting the plurality of light sources.

15. (Original) The gun of claim 12, wherein the fluid discharge mechanism includes a means for discharging a generally coherent stream of fluid, and a means for discharging a generally conical stream of fluid.

16. (Original) The gun of claim 12, and further comprising a light source for illuminating fluids discharged from the fluid discharge mechanism.

17. (Original) The gun of claim 12, and further comprising an external fluid supply in communication with the fluid discharge mechanism.

~~18. (Withdrawn) A method of play comprising:~~

~~—— providing a squirt gun having an IR emitter, an IR receiver, and a fluid discharge mechanism to each participant; ——~~

~~—— pointing the squirt gun at the IR receiver; and~~

~~—— triggering the squirt gun to emit an IR beam from the IR emitter.~~

~~19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, and further comprising the steps of providing an article of clothing having an IR receiver thereon to each participant.~~

~~20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18 and further comprising the step of disabling a squirt gun for a period of time when the IR receiver is hit by an IR beam.~~

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, and further comprising a gun shaped housing at least partially enclosing the sequential trigger mechanism.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A water amusement apparatus comprising:

a fluid discharge mechanism;

a plurality of light sources, located along a fluid discharge mechanism; and

a sequential trigger mechanism coupled to the fluid discharge mechanism and to the light sources, wherein the sequential trigger mechanism

includes confronting first and second switch plates directly slidably coupled to each other, said first switch plate having a longitudinal axis and said second switch plate having a longitudinal axis and at least one of said switch plates is adapted to slidably move with respect to another of said switch plates along their respective longitudinal axes said first and second switch plates each include conductive elements positioned complementary to conductive elements located on switch plates to touch each other on at least a portion of said conductive elements.

27. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the trigger of sequential trigger mechanism is pressed to more than one position.

28. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said plurality of light sources, located along a fluid discharge mechanism.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first switching plate is attached to the sequential trigger mechanism and the second switch plate is attached to a housing of the apparatus.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the conductive elements are arranged to activate the light source sequentially with discharge of fluid by said fluid discharge mechanism.

31 (Canceled).

32. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the conductive elements are arranged to activate the light source sequentially and independently of discharge of fluid by said fluid discharge mechanism.

33. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 3, and further comprising a gun – disabling mechanism, wherein the disabling mechanism prevents the sequential trigger mechanism from activating the fluid discharge mechanism.

34. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein at least one of the light sources is positioned along the fluid discharged mechanism and serves to illuminate fluid discharged from the fluid discharge mechanism.

35. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein pressing the sequential trigger mechanism activates the fluid discharge mechanism and at least one light source served to illuminate fluid being discharged by said fluid discharge mechanism.

36. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 9, and further comprising a first trigger valve coupled to the first tank, and a second trigger

valve coupled to the second tank; wherein action of the first trigger valve is independent of action of the second trigger valve.

37. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein activating the sequential trigger valve is independent of activation of a second trigger valve

38.(previously amended) The gun of claim 12, wherein the trigger lock mechanism selectively prevents the trigger mechanism from activating the fluid discharge mechanism and or IR transmitter.

39. (previously amended) The gun of claim 12, and further comprising a housing having plurality of light sources disposed therein along the fluid discharge mechanism, the housing enclosing the fluid discharge mechanism

40. (previously amended) The gun of claim 13, wherein the trigger mechanism includes a mean for sequentially lighting the plurality of light sources, located along the housing of the gun and served to illuminate fluid discharged by the fluid discharge mechanism.

41. (previously amended) The gun of claim 12, further comprising a mechanism for discharging a generally coherent stream of fluid a means for discharging a generally conical stream of fluid wherein the mechanism for

discharging a generally coherent stream of fluid is independent from the means for discharging a generally conical stream of fluid.

42. (previously amended) The gun of claim 16, wherein the light source is sequentially activated by sequential trigger mechanism and simultaneously with discharge of fluid by the fluid discharge mechanism.

43. (original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein each of said switch plates includes a plurality of conductive strips and each conductive strip is positioned complimentary with respect to one of the strips on an opposing one of said switch plates so that when one of said switch plates slides across another of said switch plates contact between said opposing conductive strips enables a circuit to close.

44. (original) The gun according to claim 12 wherein each of said switch plates includes a plurality of conductive strips and each conductive strip is positioned complimentary with respect to one of the strips on an opposing one of said switch plates so that when one of said switch plates slides across another of said switch plates contact between said opposing conductive strips enables a circuit to close.

45. (original) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein each of said switch plates includes a plurality of conductive strips and each conductive strip is positioned complimentary with respect to one of the strips on an opposing one of

said switch plates so that when one of said switch plates slides across another of said switch plates contact between said opposing conductive strips enables a circuit to close.